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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - WINTER SCHEDULES OF U.S. CARRIERS

1. SINCE U.S.-PORTUGAL SCHEDULE SCREENING ARRANGEMENTS EXPIRED MARCH 31, 1973, FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE EMBASSY'S INFO.

2. PAN AM WINTER SCHEDULES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, INCLUDE A DAILY 747 SERVICE NEW YORK-LISBON, WITH FOUR WEEKLY BEYONDS TO BARCELONA AND THREE TO CASABLANCA. LAST WINTER, A 707 OPERATED THIS SERVICE, WITH SIX WEEKLY BEYONDS TO BARCELONA AND ONE TO CASABLANCA. THE ONE WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN BOSTON AND LISBON VIA THE AZORES NOW GOES BEYOND TO BARCELONA, NICE AND ROME, INSTEAD OF CASABLANCA. THUS, PAA'S WEEKLY FREQUENCY TO PORTUGAL WILL REMAIN AT ELEVEN, BUT CAPACITY WILL INCREASE BY 102 PERCENT DUE TO INTRODUCTION OF 747 AIRCRAFT ON THE DAILY NEW YORK-LISBON-BEYOND ROUTE.

3. TWA PLANS TO USE A 747 INSTEAD OF A 707 FOR THE PERIODS OCTOBER 28 TO JANUARY 6 AND MARCH 15 TO APRIL 1 ON NEW YORK-LISBON-MADRID SEGMENT OF A DAILY FLIGHT WHICH GOES

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BEYOND WITH 707 EQUIPMENT TO ROME, ATHENS AN CAIRO.

(DURING THE SLACK PERIOD JANUARY 6-MARCH 15 IT WILL RE-
VERT TO USE 707'S ON THE WHOLE ROUTING.) TWA WILL
ELIMINATE THE THREE WEEKLY 707 SERVICES BETWEEN NEW YORK

AND LISBON WHICH IT OPERATED LAST WINTER. THUS, TWA'S
FREQUENCIES WILL DECREASE BY THREE (FROM ELEVEN TO
EIGHT), BUT AVERAGE CAPACITY INCREASE OVER THE 5 MONTH
PERIOD WILL BE 21 PERCENT (BASED ON A DECREASE OF 27 PER-
CENT DURING JANUARY 7 TO MARCH 14 PERIOD AND AN INCREASE
OF 69 PERCENT FOR THE REST OF THE WINTER PERIOD).

4. TOTAL U.S. CARRIER AVERAGE CAPACITY INCREASE COMPARED
TO LAST WINTER WILL BE 61 PERCENT (BASED ON AN INCREASE OF
36 PERCENT DURING THE JANUARY 7 TO MARCH 14 PERIOD AND 85
PERCENT DURING THE REST OF THE WINTER PERIOD). HOWEVER,
TOTAL FREQUENCIES WILL BE THREE LESS THAN LAST WINTER
(NINETEEN INSTEAD OF TWENTY-TWO).

5. THE CAPACITY INCREASE CHANGES ARE DUE SOLELY TO
THE SUBSTITUTION OF 747 EQUIPMENT FOR 707. BECAUSE THE
IBERIAN PENINSULA GROWTH RATES ARE HIGHER THAN THE REST
OF EUROPE, PAA AND TWA FEEL NOW IS APPROPRIATE TIME TO
INTRODUCE 747 ON WINTER SERVICES TO PORTUGAL. INCREASED
PROMOTION OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA WILL OF COURSE SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY TAKE PLACE. ADDITIONAL FACTORS IN PAN AM'S
EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION ARE ITS NEW BEYOND PATTERN TO
MOROCCO AND INTERNAL ECONOMIES RELATED TO CREW SCHEDULING.
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